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Subject:

Replication of high performing charter school draft

Fern,

I thought you would be the appropriate person to contact regarding another bill that I am interested in drafting. Below are the details of this for replication of high-performing charter schools draft. In general, I would like the draft to make the authorization process easier for replication of existing, high-performing charters in Wisconsin. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Nick Kitzman Senator Darling 608-266-5830

Charter Replication Language

Existing Authorizer Involvement:

- · Replication request goes to existing authorizer
- Approval is presumptive upon authorizer receipt and verification of:
 - A timeline for the commencement of instruction at each school (must begin during the term of the existing charter)
 - The general location of each school and the school district and county in which each school is to be located
 - A description of the potential facilities to be used at each school
 - The approximate number of pupils that can safely be accommodated by each school facility
 - Successful attainment of required academic performance benchmarks (currently in place)

Geographic Limitations

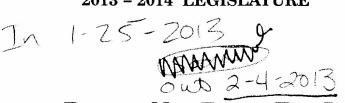
Expedited/automatic replication provisions are limited to districts with graduation rates lower than 75%

Demographic Limitations

- In districts with less than 50% free and reduced priced lunch, automatic replication performance trigger is 90% proficient or advanced in reading and math (based on 3-year rolling average).
- In districts with greater than 50% free and reduced priced lunch, automatic replication performance trigger is 75% proficient or advanced in reading and math (based on a 3-year rolling average).



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SECTION 1. 118.40 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

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****NOTE: The draft requires the authorizer only to verify that the existing charter school has attained the applicable academic performance benchmarks because it was not clear to me how an authorizer would verify the remainder of the information submitted in the application. If there is other information in the application that is in fact verifiable and that you would like to require the authorizer to verify, please let me know so that I can include it in this subdivision.

****NOTE: Your instructions included geographic and demographic limitations. I assumed that both had to be satisfied in order for the authorizer to follow the automatic authorization process under this paragraph. If this assumption is incorrect, please let me know.

****NOTE: Is it your intent that an authorizer is required to approve an unlimited number of additional charter schools based on one high performing charter school that satisfies the requirements under this paragraph? Is the authorizer required to automatically authorize additional school based on a high performing charter school if subsequent charter schools approved under this paragraph are not "high performing?"

a. If less than 50 percent of the pupils enrolled in the school district where the existing charter school is located are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b), at least 90 percent of the pupils enrolled in the existing charter school are proficient or advanced in reading and math, as determined by the department. Whether a threshold in met under this subd. 1. a. is determined using a 3 year rolling average.

****NOTE: I wasn't sure how it is determined whether a pupil is proficient or advance in reading and math. If the department is not the correct entity to determine whether a pupil is proficient or advanced in these subjects, please let me know how it is determined.

****Note: How would the threshold for pupils who are proficient or advanced in reading and math a person be measured for a person who operates more than one charter school in a school district? Is it your intent that the authorization process under subd. 1. is available to the person as long as one of the existing charter schools operated by the person satisfies the requirement?

b. If 50 percent or more of the pupils enrolled in the school district where the existing charter school is located are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b), at least 75 percent of the pupils enrolled in the existing charter school are proficient or advanced in reading and math, as determined by the department. Whether a specific threshold in met under this subd. 1. b. is determined using a 3 year rolling average.

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- c. A description of any potential facility that may be used by the additional charter school, including the approximate number of pupils that each facility may safely accommodate.
- d. Information demonstrating that the charter school that the person operates under the existing contract has satisfied any academic performance benchmarks established by the department.

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- a. If less than 50 percent of the pupils enrolled in the school district where a charter school is located are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b), at least 90 percent of the charter school's pupil scores on examinations that are required under s. 118.30 (1r) demonstrate that the pupils are proficient or advanced in reading and math, as defined by the department. Whether a threshold is met under this subd. 1. a. is determined using a 3-year rolling average.
- b. If 50 percent or more of the pupils enrolled in the school district where a charter school is located are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b), at least 75 percent of the charter school's pupil scores on examinations that are required under s. 118.30 (1r) demonstrate that the pupils are proficient or advanced in reading and math, as defined by the department. Whether a specific threshold in met under this subd. 1. b. is determined using a 3-year rolling average.
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